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A vehicle cabin lighting apparatus includes a monitor 1 mounted to a ceiling of a vehicle cabin, a monitor folding-or-unfolding detecting means 2 for detecting whether the monitor is placed in a folded or unfolded state, and a monitor control means 3 for determining whether the monitor is placed in a video display mode or lighting mode based on a detection output of the monitor folding-or-unfolding detecting means, for controlling the operation of the monitor according to a result of the determination, and for applying, as illumination light, light emitted out of the monitor to the vehicle cabin when the monitor is placed in the lighting mode.